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Kahler, Pam

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Amendment to LRB 159.P1.docx

Hi, Eric:

This is for the "vested rights" draft. I replied to Jon that I would forward this to you.

Pam

From: Turke, Jon

Sent: Thursday, March 07, 2013 1:14 PM

To: Kahler, Pam

Subject: LRB-1591/P1

Hi Pam-

I have some answers for your drafter's note. We agree that we don't need to change the law under 236.13.

As far as the bill itself, we wanted to add some detail to the language. Those details you will find attached in the word doc.

Thanks for your work!

Jon Turke

Office of Rep. Jim Steineke Assistant Majority Leader 608-266-2418

Amendment to LRB - 1591/P1

- (2) VESTED RIGHTS (a) If a person has applied for a building permit or other approval related to residential, commercial or industrial development, the political subdivision shall consider the approval, disapproval, or conditional approval of the application solely on the basis of any regulations, ordinances, rules or other properly adopted requirements in effect at the time the original application for the permit is filed with the political subdivision.
- (b) The permit applicant is entitled to the rights which accrue under this section upon the date in which the permit applicant files the original application that gives the political subdivision fair notice of the project and the nature of the permit sought. An application is considered filed on the date the applicant delivers the application to the political subdivision or deposits the application with the United States Postal Service by certified mail addressed to the political subdivision.
- (c) If a series of permits is required for a project, the regulations, ordinances, rules or other properly adopted requirements in effect at the time the original application for the first permit in that series is filed shall be the sole basis for consideration of all subsequent permits required for the completion of the project. All permits required for the project are considered to be a single series of permits.
- (d) After an application is filed, a political subdivision may not shorten the duration of any permit required for the related project.
- (e) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, a permit holder may take advantage of any change to federal, state or local laws, ordinances, rules or regulations that enhance or protect the project, including changes that lengthen the effective life of the permit after the date the application for the permit was made, without forfeiting any rights under this section.
- (f) A political subdivision may provide that a permit application expires on or after the 60th day after the date the application is filed if:
- (1) the permit applicant fails to provide documents or other information necessary to comply with the political subdivision's technical requirements relating to the form and content of the permit application;
- (2) the political subdivision provides the permit applicant, no later than the 10th business day after the date the application is filed, with written notice of the failure that specifies the necessary documents or other information and the date the application will expire if the documents or other information is not provided; and

- (3) the permit applicant fails to provide the specified documents or other information within the time provided in the notice.
- (g) A political subdivision is not prohibited from requiring compliance with technical requirements relating to the form and content of the application in effect at the time the date the applicant accrues rights under sub. (a).
- (h) This law applies only to a project commenced on or after the effective date of the Act.

Mueller, Eric

From:

Turke, Jon

Sent:

Monday, March 11, 2013 1:16 PM

To:

Mueller, Eric

Subject:

RE: Vested rights legislation

Sorry yes you should change the author.

Jon Turke

Office of Rep. Jim Steineke Assistant Majority Leader 608-266-2418

From: Mueller, Eric

Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 1:15 PM

To: Turke, Jon

Subject: RE: Vested rights legislation

Jon,

Do you want to change the author of the bill to Rep. Murphy? Or do you mean that I should discuss the bill with him if he has questions or concerns?

Thanks,

Eric Mueller Attorney, Legislative Reference Bureau Phone: (608)261-7032

eric.mueller@legis.wisconsin.gov

From: Turke, Jon

Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 11:59 AM

To: Mueller, Eric

Subject: Vested rights legislation

Hi Eric-

Could you please release our bill to Rep. Murphy?

Thanks!

Jon Turke

Office of Rep. Jim Steineke Assistant Majority Leader 608-266-2418

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Codify case law that vests a property owner's right to existing zoning regulations upon application for building permit

Instructions:

See attached. Codify Lake Bluff Housing Partners v. City of Milwaukee, 197 Wis. 2d 157 (1995). See also s. 236.13 (1) (b)

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From:

Turke, Jon

Sent:

Thursday, February 07, 2013 2:09 PM

To:

Shovers, Marc

Subject:

RE: drafting request relating to vested rights to zoning, permit applications

Hi Marc-

Lake Bluff Housing Partners v. City of S. Milwaukee, 197 Wis.2d 157, 172 -73, 540 N.W.2d 189, 195-96 (1995). This case provides a great discussion of vested rights law and best highlights what we are trying to do.

Jon Turke

Office of Rep. Jim Steineke Assistant Majority Leader 608-266-2418

From: Shovers, Marc

Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2013 11:56 AM

To: Turke, Jon

Cc: Mueller, Eric; Kahler, Pam

Subject: drafting request relating to vested rights to zoning, permit applications

Hi Jon:

Mike Gallagher forwarded this email to me:

Hi Michael-

We're wondering if we can get 2011 AB 612 redrafted for this year.

Also, we would like to draft a bill related to vested rights. Right now, a property owner's vested right to zoning is found in case law, not in the state statutes. Additionally, the law is silent as to when a property owner's rights vest with respect to future changes in other types of development regulations and permit requirements at the local level. We would like to clarify that changes to any local land-use regulations cannot be applied to permit applications that have been submitted prior to the effective date of those changes.

Thanks!

Jon Turke

Office of Rep. Jim Steineke Assistant Majority Leader 608-266-2418

I may be the attorney to draft the bill related to vested rights, but I'm not sure to what vested rights, development regulations, or permit applications you're referring. Perhaps if you could forward to me some citations of the court cases you've referenced (a property owner's vested right to zoning is found in case law, not in the state statutes) I'd have a better idea of the problem you're trying to solve. Also, there's a statute that may address the problem you're concerned about. It's s. 236.13 (1) (b), stats.:

236.13(1)

- (1) (intro.) Approval of the preliminary or final plat shall be conditioned upon compliance with: 236.13(1)(a)
- (a) The provisions of this chapter; 236.13(1)(b)
- (b) Any municipal, town, or county ordinance that is in effect when the subdivider submits a preliminary plat, or a final plat if no preliminary plat is submitted;

Any more information you could provide about vested rights, the cases you've referred to, and the development regulations and permit applications you're concerned about would be a big help. Thanks.

Marc

Marc Shovers
Managing Attorney
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AN ACT .; relating to: effect of amendments to zoning ordinances on persons

who apply for building permits.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, if a person has applied for a building permit and the permit conforms to existing zoning and building code requirements, any new zoning ordinance or amendment to a zoning ordinance by a city, village, town, or county (political subdivision) that takes effect after the date on which the person applies for the building permit does not apply to the lands to which the building permit relates.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3	SECTION 1. 66.10015 of the statutes is created to read:
4	66.10015 Limitation on zoning regulation authority. (1) DEFINITIONS. In
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(a) "Political subdivision" means a city, village, town, or county."

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(b) "Zoning ordinance" means any ordinance that is enacted or amended under
s. 59.69, 60.61, 60.62, 61.35, or 62.23 (7), or any regulation that relates to such ar
ordinance.

(2) VESTED RIGHTS. If a person has applied for a building permit and the permit conforms to zoning and building code requirements that are in effect on the date on which the person applies for the building permit, any amendment to a zoning ordinance, or new zoning ordinance, enacted by a political subdivision that takes effect after the date on which the person applies for the building permit does not apply to the lands to which the building permit relates.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to a permit application that is submitted for approval on the effective date of this subsection.

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DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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There was some question about whether a provision similar to proposed s. 66.10015 (2) needs to be drafted for plats under ch. 236. Section 236.13, in current law, sets out the bases for approval of plats. Section 236.13 (1) (b) requires an approving authority to condition approval of a preliminary or final plat on any ordinance that is *in effect when the plat is submitted*, and s. 236.13 (3) prohibits an approving authority from conditioning approval on any requirement not specified in s. 236.13. In my opinion, that provision is sufficient; however, let me know if you think anything more needs to be added for plats.

Pamela J. Kahler Senior Legislative Attorney Phone: (608) 266–2682

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There was some question about whether a provision similar to proposed s. 66.10015 (2) needs to be drafted for plats under ch. 236. Section 236.13, in current law, sets out the bases for approval of plats. Section 236.13 (1) (b) requires an approving authority to condition approval of a preliminary or final plat on any ordinance that is *in effect when the plat is submitted*, and s. 236.13 (3) prohibits an approving authority from conditioning approval on any requirement not specified in s. 236.13. In my opinion, that provision is sufficient; however, let me know if you think anything more needs to be added for plats.

Pamela J. Kahler Senior Legislative Attorney Phone: (608) 266–2682

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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, if a person has applied for a building permit and the permit conforms to existing zoning and building code requirements, any new zoning ordinance or amendment to a zoning ordinance by a city, village, town, or county that takes effect after the date on which the person applies for the building permit does not apply to the lands to which the building permit relates.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 66.10015 of the statutes is created to read:

66.10015 Limitation on zoning regulation authority. (1) DEFINITIONS. In

(a) Political subdivision" means a city, village, town, or county.

1	(b) "Zoning ordinance" means any ordinance that is enacted or amended under
2	s. 59.69, 60.61, 60.62, 61.35, or 62.23 (7), or any regulation that relates to such an
3	ordinance.

(2) VESTED RIGHTS. If a person has applied for a building permit and the permit conforms to zoning and building code requirements that are in effect on the date on which the person applies for the building permit, any amendment to a zoning ordinance, or new zoning ordinance, that is enacted by a political subdivision and that takes effect after the date on which the person applies for the building permit does not apply to the lands to which the building permit relates. In an opposition

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to a permit application that is submitted for approval on the effective date of this subsection.

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(b) "Existing requirements" means regulations, ordinances, rules, or other properly adopted requirements in effect at the time of the application for an yes of existing requirements. approval.

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(2) (a) Except as provided in pars. (b) and (c), if a person has applied for an approval and the application provides the political subdivision with fair notice of the project and the nature of the permit sought, the political subdivision shall approve, disapprove, or conditionally approve the application solely based on existing requirements. An application is filed under this section on the date that the applicant delivers the application to the political subdivision or deposits the application with the U.S. Postal Service for mailing by certified mail in an envelope addressed to the political subdivision.

(b) Except as provided in par. (c), if a project requires more than one approval, the existing requirements applicable at the time of filing the application for the first approval required for the project shall be applicable to all subsequent approvals required for the project. If a project requires more than one approval, a political



1	subdivision may not shorten the duration of any approval required for the project
2	after the first application for approval is filed.
3	(c) An applicant for an approval may waive the requirements of this section
4	with regard to a particular change in existing requirements without forfeiting the
5	application of this section to any other existing requirement.
6	(d) A political subdivision may provide that an application for an approval
7	expires not less than 60 days after filing if all of the following apply:
8	1. The application does not comply with form and content requirements.
9	2. Not more than 10 days after filing, the political subdivision provides the
10	applicant with written notice of the noncompliance. The notice shall specify the
(11)	nature of the noncompliance and the date the application will expire if the
12	noncompliance is not remedied.
13	3. The applicant fails to remedy the noncompliance before the date provided in

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